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IMPORTANCE OF TIENTSIN PORT.

Japan's trade with China, especially Northern China, has of late had a marked development. Our trade with the Northern districts has hitherto been done through Shanghai so that it could not be carried on as actively as was desired, says the "Japan Times." Thanks, however, to the recent completion of the railways of Peking and Chang-ho-kow, and the construction of the port of Tientsin, trade with the Northern districts of China may now be carried on directly through Peking and Tientsin.

To add to the new activity of the trade of Northern China, the direct route to Tientsin has been opened by the Hambei g. America line. In consequence, the amount of the export of the port of Tientsin for last year showed an increase of 5,000,000 ym, while that of Shanghai showed a decrease of 1,500,000 ym. The total foreign trade of China for the same year was 270,000,000 ym. Owing to the result of the new activity of the trade of Northern China the authorities have estimated that the amount of import of the Tientsin port will be 10,000,000 ym in the year 1913.

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By Order, JAMES ORRIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 18, 1913.

NOTICE.

MESSRS GANDE, PRICE & Co., Ltd. will REMOVE from their premises, 12, Queen's Road Central to No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (lately occupied by the French Stores) on 1st March next.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND OF \$7.00 and BONUS
of \$3.00 per Share declared at the
Fourth Meeting of Shareholders
held this day will be payable at the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on
after THURSDAY, the 20th March,
1913.

Shareholders are requested to apply to
the Office of the Company for Warrants.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. PEMBERTON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1913.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-
holders of the above Company will be held
at the Office of the General Agents,
Pedder Street, on TUESDAY, the 25th
March, at 12 noon, for the purpose
of receiving the Report and Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1912.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 12th to
25th March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1913.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO.,
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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-
holders of the above Company will be held
at the Office of the General Agents,
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March, at 12 noon, for the purpose
of receiving the Report and Statement of
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Hongkong, March 6, 1913.

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
of the above Company will be held at the
Company's Office, 8, George Street, at
11.30 A.M. on THURSDAY, the 28th of
April, 1913, to receive a Statement of
Accounts for the 31st December, 1912, and
the Report of the General Manager and
auditing Committee and to elect a Con-
sulting Committee and Auditor.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 20th
March, to the 3rd April, both days in-
clusive.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD.,

W. G. DAREY,
General Manager.

Hongkong, March 17, 1913.

NOTICE.

W. M. POWELL, LTD., having secured
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and varied experience, beg to announce
the establishment of a TAILORING
DEPARTMENT in their main Store, DES
VUEUX ROAD.

A Tailor Order would be greatly ap-
preciated. All Garments will be made in our
own Workshops.

Hongkong, March 19, 1913.



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COMMERCIAL

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs Vernon and Smyth, in their week-
ly share report, dated March 20th, state:
Owing to the Easter holidays our report is
issued a day earlier than usual, and the local
Stock Exchange will be closed to the
transaction of general business until the
25th instant. Since our report of the 14th
instant, the local market has ruled firm
throughout, the outstanding feature of the
period under review being the "spurt" in
Docks, which, owing to rumours of the
conclusion of a working agreement with
Taikoo, had advanced rapidly from 3/8 to
3/8, with a fair business done at these and
intermediate rates. "Rubbers" have been
neglected during the interval, and rates are
on the whole unchanged. Fine Hard Para
Rubber closes at 3/11 per lb, and Un-
smoked Crepe at 3/11 per lb. The open
market rate of discount is easier at a
closing quotation of 4 1/2 per cent, and
Consols have improved 1/4 to 7 3/4. The
Bank of England rate of discount remains
at 5 per cent. Bar Silver shows a further
decline on the week, the closing quotations
being 26 1/2 ready, 26 1/2 forward. Sterling
T.T. is quoted to-day at 1/11, Shanghai
T.T. at 7 3/4, and Singapore T.T. at 8 1/2.

Banks.—Priate advances announce an
improvement in Hongkong in London to
£30/10/11, but the local rate is unchanged
at £805, more or less nominal.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have im-
proved to a buying quotation of £837 1/2
with small sales at £840. It is announced that,
subject to audit, the directors will recom-
mend that a final dividend of £20 per share
be paid for account 1911, making £50 per
share for the year, an interim dividend of £30
per share for 1912, and a bonus of 20 per
cent on contributory premium. They will
further recommend that £25,000 be passed
to sterling reserve fund, leaving £473,000
to be carried forward to underwriting
Suspense account, thus closing the account
for 1911. Cautions have been booked at
£255, and Yangtzes at £200 with Ex. 73.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong have ruled
steady at £307 and Chinas at £158 with
sales, both closing in request. The divid-
end and bonus of £10 per share for 1911 in
respect of the latter Company has been
paid to-day, and the closing quotation is
£148 1/2 dividend buyers.

Shipping.—Hongkong Cotton and
Macaca after further sales at £27 1/2 are
slightly easier with small sellers at the
rate. Indo Chinas have again advanced,
and sales up to £95 are reported, the
closing quotation being £93 1/2 buyers.
Douglases continue in request at £34, and
Star Ferries after sales at £37 to £38 can
stand.

Cotton Mills.—The market in this section
has ruled dull, the closing quotations
being: Evos Tia 145, Hongkongs \$10,
steady.

Miscellaneous.—Sales are reported of
Hairy Farms at £254, Electric at \$34
down to \$32, Ropes at \$15 1/2, Watsons at
United Water Boats at \$17 1/2, Watsons at
£6.00, and Hongkong Electric Trams at
£6 and 6/7. There are buyers of Feik
Trams at \$11 1/2 and \$1 for the old and new
issues respectively. Ropes at \$19 1/2 x div.
Watsons at \$6.00, and Hongkong Electric
Trams at \$11 1/2. The following are procurable
at quotation: China Borneo \$9 1/2,
China Privileges \$8 1/2, Cement \$4 1/2, China
Lights \$3, Powells \$2 1/2, 8 can Fisheries
\$2, and Pulp at \$25. Local sales are
reported of Langkats at Tia 71, and there
are buyers in the North at this figure.

London Quotations.—The following
quotations were received from our London
agents by wire this morning; the fall
list, which will not be received until to-
morrow, will be published in the next
issue of the local press:—
Tronahs ... 80/8 buyers
Shell Transports 113/ buyers 113/ sellers
Urul Caplans ... 41/3 buyers 42/3
Mexican Eagles ... 40/ middle
Bahang Consolidated ... 8 1/2
London Assurance ... 14/5
Anglo-Malays ... 14/5
United Serdangs ... 12/8

LUSITANO RECREATION CLUB.

SEVENTH ATHLETIC MEETING.

PERSONS:
His Excellency Sir F. H. MAY, K.C.M.G.,
His Excellency Sir A. L. WINSLOE, R.N., K.C.B.,
O.Y.O., C.M.G., His Excellency Major-
General R. H. ANDERSON, O.B., Com-
mander R. H. ANDERSON, R.N.,
C.M.G., His Lordship Bishop D. POZZONI,
The Hon. Mr. W. DEATHAM, C.M.G.,
The Hon. Mr. C. MONTAGUE EDM.

The COMMITTEE has much pleasure in
inviting the Ladies and Gentlemen of the
Colony to their Sports at the Race Course
(by kind permission of the Stewards of the
Hongkong Jockey Club) on EASTER
MONDAY, 24th inst., commencing at
1 P.M.

There will be Two Open Events:—
Half Mile Flat Race open to European
Soldiers, Soldiers and Police: £20
yards Championship open to all
Bona Fide Amateurs in the Colony
under the rules of the A.A.A. £100.

His Excellency Sir F. H. MAY, K.C.M.G.,
has very kindly consented to present the
Prize to the winner of the Half Mile Flat Race.
By kind permission of the Stewards of the
Hongkong Jockey Club, the Race will be
run at 1 P.M. on the 24th inst. The Prize
will be played during the afternoon.
By courtesy of the management there
will be special train cars.

J. O. REMEDIOS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 19, 1913.

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THE LAKE OF LIFE.

A remarkable discovery has been made
by Mr. P. Amour Talbot, a District
Commissioner, in Nigeria, of what is
known as the "Sacred Lake of Life," on
which, according to popular belief, the
existence of a hundred thousand people
depends. When, some months ago, Mr.
Talbot returned to this country from
extensive travels in unknown parts of
Nigeria he announced as one of the most
interesting discoveries the finding in the
obscure country of the "Lake of the Dead,"
a description of which was given in "The
Standard" at the time.

On Mr. Talbot's return to Nigeria he
found that the news of the discovery of
the Lake of the Dead had brought to
light the fact that another sheet of water
which, according to popular belief, was
situated in the neighbourhood of Ikor-Obo,
the chief town of the Ibibio, and one
thousand Mr. Talbot and Mr. Eakin,
accompanied by Mrs. Talbot and her
sister, set out to endeavour to locate it.

Hitherto the knowledge of the lake had
been kept a jealously guarded secret from
all Europeans, and not even the natives,
with the exception of the high priests,
had been allowed to approach the sacred
water—the dwelling-place of the greatest
Deity of the race. Access to the lake was
through a sacred grove so cunningly con-
cealed that a stranger might pass within
a few yards yet never find the holy pool.
Mr. Talbot and his party, then guided to
the spot, found that the water, which
depended the life of the Ibibio race. The
fish were so tame that they fed from the
hand of the reigning High Priest, the only
native human being allowed to look upon
the water. Formerly many victims were
annually sacrificed here, though at the
present day human life was not permitted
to be taken.

Countless legends had grown up round
the spot. It was said to be placed by
its first guardian, the Thunder God, under
the care of a python and a leopard, who
cunningly kept watch and ward, and de-
stroyed anyone rash enough to seek to
penetrate its mysteries. It is especially
sacred as the dwelling-place of the most
powerful Deity—the Great Mother—Lau-
Ma (the Face of Love), whose symbol is
a holy rock facing the entrance.

Near by the travellers found a second
pool, auxiliary to the lake itself. In the
centre of this is a palm tree, near which
in the water are stationed a man, a girl,
and a boy, who bear the name of the
goddess, as they were granted to the
priests in direct answer to prayer. Mr.
Talbot is sending home a complete
account of the discovery at an early date.

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In and Out of the Workhouse 400 Times.

A remarkable story of a woman who
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She was born in 1860, and became a
charge on the City two years later. She
spent fifteen years at the Hanwell
Schools; and then a situation was found
for her as a servant in Kensington.
She stayed there for a fortnight, and
then returned to Hanwell. Another
situation was secured for her at Home
Hill, and she spent fourteen months
there, afterwards going into the City
Workhouse. Since that time she has
been in and out four hundred times.

She has had five children, three of
whom have been educated at the expense
of the ratepayers. The other two died.
The woman and her children have cost
the ratepayers £1,354 in all.

A MEAN THEFT.

A peculiarly mean theft came to the
notice of Mr. Hazeland-to-day, when two
men were charged before him with stealing
a padded coat belonging to a crole boy.
The boy was walking along Queen's Road
near the Ho Shing theatre, when his coat
fell off a basket that he was carrying. The
boy afterwards discovered his loss, and
seeing the men with the coat, he asked
them for it. They refused to give it to
him. Fortunately European Constable
No. 131 witnessed the affair, and arrested
the men. The men further refused to give
the boy his coat when he tearfully offered
them a few cents "tea money." Inspector
Dymond said the defendants belonged to
a gang who hung about the theatre
entrance and were a pest to the neighbour-
hood. A sentence of one month's hard
labour, and four hours' stocks each was
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LASSITUDE AND HOW TO OVERCOME IT.

DURING the enervating "muggy" wea-
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second quarter of the year, lassitude is the
lot of a large number of people. The
physical sensation is accompanied by a
mental indisposition to work, and a lack
of tone of the whole system.

Who is there, then, who will not gladly
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Yet, to quote Hamlet's family words,
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CHINA'S EXPENDITURE.

Income Exceeded.

A Chinese newspaper published in
Peking states that the monthly adminis-
trative expenses of the Government
amount to five million dollars and three
fifths of this sum are charged against the
Ministry of War. From March last up
to the present time the total expenditure
of the Government is alleged to have been
ninety millions; but the revenue is only
eighty millions, the chief items of which
are the Belgian loan of one million pounds
sterling, the advance of the Surtuple
Group of £1,800,000, and the Crip loan
of five million pounds. Besides these
amounting to \$70,000,000, the contribu-
tions of the Chinese residents abroad, the
profits of the Kin-feng, Kin-han, Kin-
chang and Tsai-pu railways, and other
taxes, add up to ten million dollars. The
negative balance is made up by the paper-
notes of the Commercial Bank.

A CHINESE PRINCE'S COLLECTION.

An interesting sale was to be held at
Messrs. Christie's on March 5 and 6,
when the collection of Chinese carvings
in jade and other objects of art formed
by Prince Kung Pu Wei, of Peking, great-
grandson of the famous Emperor Tzu
Kwang (1821-1851), were to be dispersed.

The carvings in jade form the chief
feature of the sale, and number over 120
lots. There are also carvings in various
stones, in rock-crystal, agate, amethyst,
and soapstone. The Soochow lacquer in-
clude various boxes, vases, and bottles;
while, in addition to porcelain and pot-
tery, there are several pieces of metal
work, notably a complete set of bronze
imperial stationery implements, decorated
with various archaic ornaments, and
dating from the Chou dynasty.

So far, we have not heard the result
of the sale.

The "Japan Chronicle" learns that
Mr. E. J. Harrison, the well-known Tokyo
journalist, has been elected a Fellow of the
Royal Geographical Society. Mr. Harrison
has written a good deal about the Far
East, and his knowledge of Russian and
Japanese was of great value to him during
his travels through Siberia and Manchuria
prior to writing his book "Peace or War
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TURCO-BALKAN WAR.
A SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT.
AUSTRIA AND ALLIES DISPUTING.

LONDON, March 21.
The "Times" Salonika correspondent telegraphs that a Serbo-Greek armada, comprising sixteen transports and conveying thirty-six siege and other cannon along with 18,000 Serbian infantry with divisional staff sailed on March 17 for San Giovanni and Durrës.

AUSTRIA AND MONTENEGRO.
The Vienna newspapers state that Austria demands from Montenegro permission for non-combatants to leave Skutari; an inquiry in the presence of the Austrian Consul, on the assassination of a priest near Djakovica, the immediate discontinuance of forcible conversions of Roman Catholic Albanians to Orthodoxy; and full satisfaction for the forcible employment of the Skodra in lifting Serbian troops at San Giovanni.

A DENIAL.

It is semi-officially denied in Rome that Italy is joining Austria in a naval demonstration along the coasts of Montenegro and Albania.

A GREEK VICTORY.

Reuter's Athens correspondent states that the Greeks have occupied Tepini, seventy-five miles south-east of Durazzo.

SEVERE FIGHTING AT CHATALJA.

Reuter's Sofia correspondent says that there has been further severe fighting at Chatalja, two Turkish divisions attacking the Bulgarian left and centre. They were repulsed, and left five hundred dead and wounded on the field. The attack was renewed in the evening on the left, but was repulsed.

A telegram from Sofia states that five divisions of Turks at Chatalja with artillery and cavalry, in attempting to advance, supported by warships, were routed with heavy loss. Two battalions were isolated and driven to the seashore, where a portion escaped in ships at night.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

No reply is expected from the Balkan Allies for some days, because the necessary communications have to pass between them. Meanwhile, informal advice is being given at the Balkan capitals.

FRESH ANXIETY.

The movements of Austrian warships has attracted some attention in London, but it is declared authoritatively that no new situation has arisen to occasion fresh anxiety.

A later telegram states that despite reassuring statements from high quarters in London, it is an undoubted fact that the Austro-Hungarian Minister at Cetinje was ordered to remonstrate concerning the alleged forcible wholesale conversions of Catholics at Djakovica to Orthodoxy, the seizure of the steamer "Skodra" at San Giovanni and the damage to Austrian property at Skutari.

FEELING IN AUSTRIA.

Reuter's Vienna correspondent states that the newspapers there are giving prominence to the reports of the damage to Austrian property at Skutari, though it is admitted that it occurred a fortnight ago. It appears also that some Austrian ship was searched and interfered with by Servians at San Giovanni.

ULTIMATUM FROM AUSTRIA EXPECTED.

Reuter's Vienna correspondent announces that Montenegro has refused to allow non-combatants to leave Skutari, though it has been promised that in future the fire of the Montenegrin artillery will be directed only at the fortifications and not at buildings. This reply is considered as inadequate. The reply is equally unsatisfactory with reference to the other demands.

UNITED STATES AND THE SIX POWERS' LOAN.

LONDON, March 20.

The American group of bankers interested in the China Loan has issued a statement announcing the entire withdrawal from the Chinese loan negotiations.

UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

LONDON, March 20.

A message from Washington states that diplomats consider that President Wilson's declaration with regard to the Chinese loan foreshadows the official recognition of the Chinese Republic by the Government at any early date.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE MURDERED KING.
EXAMINATION OF ASSASSINATOR.

LONDON, March 20.

The examination of the regicide lasted all night long but did not elicit any evidence that he had accomplices. Schinas, who was formerly a teacher in Athens where he is described on the roll of the faculty of medicine, had been living in a state of mendicancy, delivering socialistic harangues as he travelled from Athens towards Salonika. When asked the reason for the assassination, he said that he had to do something as he suffered from neurasthenia.

KING CONSTANTINE'S MESSAGE.

King Constantine, in a message to the Greek people, announces his succession. He states that he devoted his whole life to the army. The wars, unsuccessful and successful, indissolubly bound him to it, marching as he did at its head, and he would not cease to devote the whole of his solicitude to the land and sea forces.

CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LATER.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith moved a resolution of condolence with King Constantine, the Government, and the people of Greece; also with King George and Queen Alexandra. In doing so the Premier said the world was shocked by another purposeless crime inflicting bereavement and sorrow upon millions of mankind. It was especially pathetic that the King was struck down when seeing the realisation of some cherished hopes, and had no reason to fear violence from his subjects. Mr. Asquith concluded that Britain had special reasons for associating herself in the grief of the Greek nation.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES.

STATEMENT BY COLONEL SEELY.

LONDON, March 20.

Dealing with the regular army, Colonel Seely spoke highly of the efficiency of each branch and also of the health of the army. He regretted the shortage of 16 per cent. in the Territorials, but in the opinion of the Government, the Committee of Imperial Defence, and of all experts he could consult the danger of immediate overwhelming invasion or a blow at the heart was not one we need fear. Therefore it was impossible to go to the country and say as in other countries "unless the gap be filled you are in imminent danger of disaster." Moreover, 105,000 Territorials left on the termination of their engagements as efficient soldiers and they would be anxious to rejoin in time of national danger. The deficiency was not sufficient in any wise to justify a compulsory scheme. There had been, however, many changes and new factors since the question of invasion was last considered, and Mr. Asquith had therefore decided to appoint another committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence to reconsider the whole matter. He had also decided to invite a man pre-eminent among those who make this subject their own, namely, Mr. Balfour, to join the committee. Mr. Balfour had accepted and was now conversant with the preliminary investigations which were proceeding. Every one, especially Ministerialists, owed Mr. Balfour a great debt of gratitude for his patriotic and unselfish spirit in consenting to this new departure of a political opponent sitting on the Imperial Defence Committee on a matter of vital National and Imperial importance. He proposed to remedy the dwindling of the number of promotions from the ranks due to the inability of a promoted ranker to live on his pay by increasing the pay to officers in the intermediate ranks after six years' service, but he proposed to promote specially selected men from the ranks after three years' service, granting them a special allowance of £50 per annum in the first three years after promotion. The rank of second lieutenant would be abolished. The increase of pay was as follows: Lieutenant, 2/9 per day; Captain, after twelve years' service, 2/10; Major, after twenty-four years' service, 2/11. The promotions of rankers would be from among men nominated by their commanding officers and after an examination similar to the special reserve. It was believed they would thus obtain men of great value to the army. The changes would cost £100,000 to £150,000 annually.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MORE SUFFRAGETTE DESTRUCTION.
A WIDOW'S MANSION BURNED.

LONDON, March 21.

The mansion of Englefield Green, near Staines, has been destroyed by fire. It belonged to the widow of the late Field Marshal White. Lady White is at present in France.

Papers found bore the words: "Cease torturing our comrades in prison" and "Votes for women."

The damage is estimated at £4000. It is believed that the women entered by means of skeleton keys, and saturated the staircase with paraffin.

CANADA'S NAVAL BILL.

LONDON, March 21.

A telegram from Ottawa states that the Naval Bill has been postponed until after Easter. All welcome the release from the continuous sittings. It is understood that the Opposition are determined not to yield and are hoping to be able to force a dissolution.

FRENCH POLITICS.

DETENTE CABINET BEING FORMED.

LONDON, March 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that M. Barthou is forming a detente Cabinet on condition that the Three Years' Service Bill will remain irreducible. He will endeavour to induce the Cabinet to accept the principle of the representation of minorities and to consider the method of carrying into effect the spirit of conciliation and compromise.

LATER.

Reuter's Paris correspondent learns that M. Barthou is forming a Ministry.

PRINCE OF WALES IN GERMANY.

LONDON, March 21.

Reuter's Coblenz correspondent states that the Prince of Wales motored to the famous National monument at Niederwald, and afterwards proceeded to Wiesbaden, where he will make a two days' stay.

DEATH OF A COMPOSER.

LONDON, March 21.

The death is announced of the Welsh harpist and composer, Mr. John Thomas.

ANOTHER SYDNEY STRIKE.

LONDON, March 21.

Reuter's Sydney correspondent states that the ferry employees have struck owing to the delay of the Wages Board in dealing with claims. They demand a forty-eight hours week. The harbour traffic in the northern suburbs has been held up.

FRENCH POLITICAL CRISIS.

LONDON, March 20.

The French Cabinet crisis is most serious, as it has thrown the Senate and the Chamber into conflict. The latter has repeatedly declared in favour of proportional representation.

GERMAN AIRSHIP WRECKED.

LONDON, March 20.

The newest German military Zeppelin has been destroyed by a gale after landing at Karlsruhe. This was the ship that was supposed to have made the surreptitious trip to England.

CHINESE NEWS.

PEKING, March 20.

The opening of Parliament has been fixed for April 8.

It is reported that four divisions of Russian troops are proceeding to Sinkian and Ho, and that Chinese troops in Hartoun have been instructed to prepare for the defensive.

Three thousand Mongolian troops from Urga are reported to be marching South along the banks of the river.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE AMERICA CUP.
SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S CHALLENGE.

LONDON, March 21.

Reuter's New York correspondent telegraphs that the Ulster Club has requested re-consideration of Sir Thomas Lipton's America Cup challenge.

"THE MESSIAH."

SELECTIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Nearly two centuries have passed since Handel gave to the world "The Messiah," a sublime of sacred oratorio, yet despite the lapse of years the master-musician's beautiful melodies still retain for British people their charm and sweetness. The number of times it has been performed is countless, yet it is everywhere received with enthusiastic approval. Such was the case last evening when the Cathedral choir gave selections from the great oratorio under the direction of Mr. Denman Fuller, the organist, for the congregation was larger than we ever remember seeing at a musical service at St. John's.

The numbers chosen for presentation last evening comprised the greater portions of parts two and three of the oratorio, and, frankly speaking, the performance was rather disappointing. Neither the soloists nor the choir seemed to appreciate sufficiently the grandeur of the music, with the result that most of the numbers were colourless. The choir acquitted themselves better than the soloists, on the whole, but considering their numerical strength there was considerable room for improvement in their singing. One of the most noticeable faults was hesitancy of attacks, which was responsible to a large extent for faulty enunciation of the opening bars of most of the concerted numbers. When these faults were overcome a nice volume of sound was produced, and there was some good tone, but had it been under better control the effect would have been enhanced.

The soloists were Mrs. Dealy (contralto), Mr. J. W. White (tenor), Master T. Martin (treble), Mrs. Hepper and Miss White (soprano), Mr. R. E. White (bass). The selections were preceded by a pleasing interpretation by Mr. Fuller of Zachary Waverley's beautiful organ piece, "Requiem Aeternam." The offertory was for the organ fund.

THE PORT OF LONDON.

EFFECT OF LABOUR TROUBLES ON TRADE.

The third annual report of the Port of London Authority for the year ended March 31 last states that the trade of the Port during the year, although in excess of that of the previous year, was adversely affected by the serious labour disturbances, in which the Port was involved in August 1911.

Some idea of the disturbance caused by the labour disputes may be gathered from the fact that, whilst the first four months from April to July yielded an increase of 323,240 tons over the corresponding period, there was a decrease of 488,718 tons in the month of August.

The decrease was, however, recouped by the end of October, and by the end of February a continuing expansion of the figures gave an increase of 381,083 tons. In the month of March the coal strike took place, with the result that a heavy fall of 281,149 tons occurred, and the net gain of the year was reduced to 99,883 tons. The shipping using the wet dock, and paying dock dues reached the record total of 11,081,734 tons, an increase of 208,690 tons on the previous year, but the shipping entering the dry docks, 2,158,073 tons gross, represented a fall of 77,222 tons.

In consequence of the strikes these docks were partially idle during August, and entirely so during September. The effect on the tonnage is further indicated by the figures, which, to the end of July, showed an increase of 38,331 tons, whereas by the end of September there was a decrease of 245,995 tons.

The values of the total imports (excluding coastwise goods) of the United Kingdom and six leading ports for the year ended December 31 were as follows:—

	1911.	1910.
United Kingdom	1,297,038,950	1,212,492,841
London	368,292,536	360,300,003
Liverpool	336,435,017	340,670,088
Hull	71,463,077	73,234,653
Manchester (including Buncorn)	54,143,473	47,434,308
Southampton	47,218,024	45,825,527
Glasgow	47,135,993	44,094,129

During the 12 months ended March 31, 1912, the Authority landed or received 2,192,004 tons of import goods for warehousing or for immediate delivery, as compared with 2,119,886 tons so dealt with during the previous 12 months, an increase of 72,118 tons.

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